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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection in the Colony.

The following is received from the medical officer of health for Cape Colony, under date of October 2 and 8, 1906:

East London.—Week ended September 29, 1906. Rodents examined, 68; 3 found dead; no infection.

Week ended October 6, 1906. Rodents examined, 100; 7 found dead.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever—Smallpox in Argentina.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, October 9, as follows:

Week ended October 6, 1906. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued as follows: On the 1st instant the British steamship *Norman Prince*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew at this port; on the 5th instant the British steamship *Lewisham*, for Pensacola, via the West Indies, for disinfection, with no cargo, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; on the same date the British steamship *Conway*, for some southern United States port, via the West Indies, for orders and disinfection, no cargo, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the British steamship *Nyanza*, for some southern United States port, via the West Indies, for disinfection and orders, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew; on the 6th instant the British steamship *Byron*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, — first-class and — steerage passengers from this port, and with no change in the personnel of the crew, and on the same date the Brazilian steamship *Sergipe*, for New York, via Brazilian ports, in general cargo, and with 2 first-class and 2 steerage passengers from this port for New York. As this last-named vessel sailed directly from this port, the crew may be considered as all being taken on here.

No other vessels requiring inspection left this port during the week.